

A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

# AGENDA



Thursday, September 28, 2006

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## Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 57

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with WHEELED COACH INDUSTRIES, Winter Park, FL, for the purchase of six ambulances in an amount not to exceed \$1,041,060.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$867,550 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Approved Vehicle Acquisition Fund of the Financial and Administrative Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$173,510 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Approved One-time Expenditure Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department. There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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<p><b>Additional Backup Material</b> (click to open) No Attachments Available</p>
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**For More Information:** Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

**Purchasing Language:** Cooperative Purchase.

This contract is for one additional and five replacement ambulances that will be assigned to the Emergency Medical Services Department to transport sick and injured patients to area hospitals. They will also stand by at local events including but not limited to rodeos, races, parades, and concerts. Five of these are replacement ambulances that have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected these ambulances and determined that the mileage or hours of use cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. One is an additional ambulance that will be in service 12 hours a day, seven days a week during the peak call volume times of each day and will not be housed at a specific station. Instead, the unit will "float" and move into geographic areas as needed to provide necessary coverage. This peak load unit will help cover areas that do not have appropriate levels of service due to heavy call volume. These ambulances are powered by diesel fuel and the engines will meet the current federal Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for emissions. There are currently no alternative fuel options available on the market for these types of vehicles. However, the diesel fuel supply contract was amended on August 29, 2006 to include the splash-blended Oryxe additive to all of the vehicle diesel fuel supplied to the City. Oryxe is the only additive approved by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality. This additive will result in a 5% reduction of NOx emissions.

Wheeled Coach Industries is under contract with BuyBoard to supply ambulances statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of these ambulances.